



ELECTED  
OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,  
Council President

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,  
Vice-President

Michael F. Dattoli,  
Councilor At Large

Aaron P. Dushku,  
Councilor At Large

Susan G. Falkoff,  
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,  
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis,  
District A Councilor

Lisa J. Feltner,  
District B Councilor

Kenneth M. Woodland,  
District D Councilor

## Watertown Town Council

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### **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016 AT 6:15 P.M. RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES**

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

Council President Sideris called to order a regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:15 p.m. in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Chamber, Administration Building. Those present were Councilors Michael F. Dattoli, Susan G. Falkoff, Lisa J. Feltner, Anthony Palomba, Vice President Vincent Piccirilli, Jr., and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Councilor Angeline B. Kounelis arrived at 6:19 p.m. Councilor Kenneth M. Woodland arrived at 6:35 p.m. Councilor Aaron P. Dushku was absent. Also present were Michael J. Driscoll, Town Manager, Mark Reich, Town Attorney, and Marilyn W. Pronovost, Town Council Clerk.

#### **2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:15 P.M.**

To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate – former east and north branch libraries and 10 Winter Street; if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

#### **3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:15 P.M.**

#### **4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers.

#### **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Upcoming Performance [Evaluation of the Town Manager](#) for Fiscal Year 2016

President Sideris stated that under the Town Charter and the Town Manager's employment agreement, the annual evaluation of the

Town Manager would be due on July 22, 2016 by 2:00 p.m. He will then present a composite evaluation at the August 9 meeting or the first meeting in September. The Personnel and Town Organization Committee will then be asked to review and recommend an evaluation tool for FY'17.

B. Victory Field – Phase 2

President Sideris stated that the Committee for the Victory Field Project voted for on April 8, 2014 was not created and that he was re-establishing the Ad Hoc Committee on Victory Field Renovations.

The membership of the Committee will be Councilor Piccirilli, Chair, Councilor Palomba, Vice-Chair, the Recreation Director, the Director of Community Planning and Development or designee, three members of the general public (one abutter and two non-school users of the field), one member from the Watertown youth sports groups, and one member from the Watertown Public Schools Athletics.

If anyone wishes to participate, that person should notify the Town Council Clerk by July 29, 2016.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing and Vote on a proposed Order Establishing [Water and Sewer Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2017](#)

Mr. Driscoll presented Mr. Tracy, Town Auditor, who provided an overview of the Water and Sewer Rates charges for FY '17. President Sideris opened the hearing to the public; there being no speakers, the meeting was closed. Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Water and Sewer Rates as published in the legal notice; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. MOTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of [Gifts of Personal Property of Banners](#) from the Rotary Club of Watertown and Watertown Savings Bank

Mr. Driscoll presented the gift from the Rotary Club and the Watertown Savings Bank and requested a favorable consideration of approval. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept the gift of tangible property; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

- B. Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$134,000 from Fiscal Year 2016 Snow and Ice Removal Accounts to the Fiscal Year 2016 Facility Assessment Study Account in Order to Fund a [Facilities Assessment Study](#) of 18 Existing School and Municipal Facilities.

Mr. Driscoll presented Mr. Tracy, who stated that a request for bids was placed with two architectural design firms. Gienapp Design Associates, the low bidder, made a revised proposal for \$134,000. It will take six months to complete. Mr. Tracy asked for the Council's favorable consideration of the transfer.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to approve the transfer of \$134,000 for the Facilities Assessment Study; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

- C. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of a Gift of Funds in the Amount of \$1,500.00 to Offset Expenses Related to the [Faire on the Square](#) 2015.

Mr. Driscoll presented the request to accept the gift of funds. Councilor Piccirilli moved to accept and expend the gift of funds; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

#### 9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Action Item for the Ad Hoc Committee on Technology Report Previously Read on June 14, 2016 on the Goals of the Committee, [the Renovation or Complete Change of the Current Website, and the Methods for Accomplishing the Change](#) – Kenneth M. Woodland, Chair

ACTION ITEM: That the Town Manager investigate the posting and accuracy of agenda and meeting minutes in accordance with the previously approved "Resolution #2013-4 Electronics Communications and Distribution of Document within the Town Council and Town Hall and report back any recommendations and/or solution to ensure that agendas and minutes are posted regularly, and in a timely way.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adopt the above action item; Councilor Dattoli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Falkoff stated that she attended a meeting with Congresswoman Katherine Clark and other Town Managers and Mayors. The most common issues discussed were transportation and the opioid epidemic. Congresswoman Clark asked people to sign on to a letter asking U.S. Speaker Ryan to take action on gun control and safety measures. Councilor Falkoff thanked Mr. Driscoll for signing the letter and for the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Councilor Dattoli requested a referral to the Education and School System Matters Committee for it to discuss with Cable Access TV ways to increase access to governmental content; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Dattoli asked about having meetings in other parts of the community to enhance participation. President Sideris said this would require a change to the Charter as it specifically states where the Council will meet. The Council could conduct special meetings in other locations.

Councilor Falkoff requested a referral to the Economic Development and Planning Committee the issue of shared parking for residents in business parking lots for night parking; Councilor Piccirilli seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Councilor Kounelis stated this is a difficult issue as it involves private property rights and liability issues.

## 11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Driscoll thanked Councilor Falkoff for attending the session at Brandeis with Congresswoman Clark. He also stated that he signed off on the letter requesting U. S. Speaker Ryan to bring for a vote the measures banning terrorists from purchasing guns and requiring universal background checks.

He announced that on Thursday, June 30, at 6:30, the first of the six concerts would be held at the Square; the first is a children's concert sponsored by the Watertown Family Network.

He also announced that the Administration Building would be closed on Monday July 4, for Independence Day.

## 12. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION /REVIEW OF LIST OF PENDING MATTERS

Councilor Kounelis submitted in writing a request to the Town Manager regarding the litter in Coolidge Square and the withered plantings at the CVS.

#### 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Kounelis stated that Boylston Properties notified her there would be construction along Nichols Ave (from Arlington to Elm Sts.). She submitted several questions to the developer and will provide information when she receives a response.

Councilor Dattoli stated that he would be holding office hours on Tuesday, July 12 at 5:00 pm at the Watertown Free Public Library.

Councilor Piccirilli announced that the Steering Committee for the School Master Plan would be on Wednesday, June 29 at 6:00 pm at the Phillips School in the third floor Conference Room.

#### 14. PUBLIC FORUM

Elodia Thomas – Raised concerns about the School Program regarding School Facilities, the lack of appropriate information, availability, and response.

Pat Gold – Agreed with Ms. Thomas and felt the school meeting was a waste of time.

Elodia Thomas – Too few people attended.

#### 15. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dattoli requested a moment of silence for Bob Simonian, a past Chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Woodland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

#### [ADDENDUM](#)

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted by a voice vote of   8   for,   0   against,   0   present on July 12, 2016.

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Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Council Vice-President  
s/MWP